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Black River Recreation Area Closed to Swimming

The Carlsbad Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) closed it's Black River recreation area near Washington Ranch when it learned a cow had died and was lying in one of the upper pools. The dead cow was reported in the water by people recreating in the area over the 4th of July weekend. It had apparently been there several days and was into the advanced stages of decomposition.

BLM personnel are monitoring water quality. The recreation area will remain closed to swimming until favorable water quality standards are achieved. For more information contact, Carlsbad Field Office at 234-5972.

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